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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 1743

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATESMAN AND THE GOI

1. STATESMAN EDITOR NIHAL SINGH SAYS THAT AS IN THE CASE OF THE FRASER COMMITTEE HEARING, THE GOI CENSOR HAS FORBIDDEN ANY MENTION IN THE PRESS HERE OF THE INDIAN EMBASSY'S REVOCATION OF PASSPORTS OF INDIAN OPPOSITION FIGURES IN THE US. SINGH SAYS STATESMAN HAS RECEIVED TELEX REPORTS THIS SUBJECT FROM WARREN UNNA BUT IS UNABLE TO PUBLISH ANYTHING.

2. SINGH SAYS GOI SHOWS NO SIGNS OF RESUMING ITS COURT ACTIONS AGAINST THE STATESMAN AND ITS PUBLISHER C. R. IRANI. HE ATTRIBUTES THIS SOLELY TO THE WEAKNESS OF THE GOI'S CASES, WHICH HE SAYS WOULD NOT STAND UP EVEN IN THE KIND OF PACKED COURTS THE GOI ENJOYS TODAY, NOT TO ANY FLAGGING IN THE GOI'S DETERMINATION TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE STATESMAN. SINGH SAID THEY ARE AGAIN TACKLING THE SHAREHOLDERS AND MAY HAVE OTHER TRICKS UP THEIR SLEEVE HE THOUGHT THE MAIN THING THAT HAS SAVED THE STATESMAN THIS LONG IS BENGALI CHAUVINISM. NOT THAT THERE IS

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ANY MORE OPPOSITION TO MRS. GANDHI HERE THAN ELSEWHERE OR THAT

IT IS MORE COURAGEOUS--FAR FROM IT--BUT SIMPLY THAT THE BENGALIS
CONSIDER THE STATESMAN A BENGALI INSTITUTION AND WOULD BE DEEPLY
UPSET IF THE GOI WERE TO MOVE IN DIRECTLY AND TAKE IT OVER, THE
WAY THEY WOULD WITH A PAPER IN DELHI THAT WAS GIVING THEM
TROUBLE.
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